

HCS HB 1042 -- COORDINATING BOARD FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

SPONSOR: Thomson

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Higher Education by a vote of 12 to 0.

This substitute adds the following additional duties to those of the Coordinating Board for Higher Education within the Department of Higher Education:

(1) Require all two- and four-year public higher education institutions to identify and use best practices in remediation, eliminating practices that have been found to be ineffective or those which delay students from enrollment in college-level courses;

(2) Require all two- and four-year public higher education institutions to cooperate with the committee on transfer and articulation to create by July 1, 2014, a statewide course library of at least 25 lower division courses that are transferable among all public higher education institutions;

(3) Develop a policy to foster reverse transfer so that any student who has acquired sufficient hours from more than one public institution that grants an associate degree may more easily attain that degree; and

(4) Include in its annual report to the Governor and General Assembly campus-level data on student persistence and progress toward implementing the additional duties required under the substitute.

The substitute also allows the board to charge fees to out-of-state public institutions for the costs of reviewing and assuring the quality of programs they offer.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on General Revenue Fund in FY 2013, FY 2014, and FY 2015. Estimated Net Cost on Other State Funds of Unknown - Could exceed \$100,000 in FY 2013, FY 2014, and FY 2015.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that time is the enemy of college completion; the longer the time to degree, the less likely the student is to graduate. The bill will focus resources on making transfers easier, making remedial study more effective, and providing credentials for qualified students.

Testifying for the bill were Representative Thomson; Chuck Ambrose, President, University of Central Missouri; and Deborah Goodall.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.